

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Monday, April 16, 2018  
7:00pm  
Council Chambers, Third Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon, Jason Seacat and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner

David Smith, Town Engineer

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of March 19, 2018**

James Simon motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed with Jason Seacat abstaining.

**B. Communications Received**

- The Habitat – Winter/Spring 2018 newsletter
- Sustainable CT – overview of voluntary certification program
- Connecticut River Conservancy - request for membership

**D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission Last Month**

- None

**E. Organizational Considerations**

- Chairman Goad asked the members if anyone is interested in joining the commission.
- The Holistic Health Feast was held 4/7 & 4/8. The booth was moved into another location with higher traffic area; something to consider for 2019.

**3. Open Space Program Update**

There was no discussion.

**4. New Business**

**A. Application Review and Comments**

- None

**B. Natural Resources Update**

**Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Chairman Goad reported that the Watershed Conservation Alliance meeting was held 4/7. A guest speaker, Barbara Alexander from Natural Resource Conservation Service

Office, US Dept. of Agriculture in Tolland, discussed funding options for studies and preserving Atlantic White Cedar.

- Jason Seacat reported that the spring meeting of the Bolton Lakes Association took place recently. George Knoecklein from Northeast Aquatic Research, LLC presented a status of the ecosystem and treatment plan.

#### **Future Activities**

- Vernon Community Day Event – volunteers needed for storm water exhibit

Town Engineer, David Smith, presented information on a storm water model to be exhibited at the DPW Public Works Community Day on 5/19/18. The Engineer staff isn't able to attend this year, and he is requesting someone from the commission to attend and be an "ambassador" at this exhibit to answer questions, hand out informational brochures and serve to monitor the model. This effort also serves toward our community education/outreach compliance with the DEEP permit requirements for the MS4 storm water management plan. Discussion ensued about collaborating with Town Engineering on other outreach and educational opportunities as well as discussion regarding storm drain identification and education initiatives.

- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Sustainable CT Program

Information regarding this volunteer certification program was forwarded to commission via email by Ann Letendre, Open Space Task Force member. It was recently established for municipalities to promote and practice sustainable living and conservation. After discussion, Town Planner Marina Rodriguez will contact them and obtain additional information and present at the next meeting.

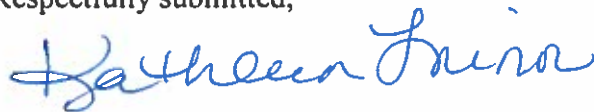
#### **5. Other Goals**

- Earth Day 2019 – organize and plan activities as a commission
- Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Army Corp of Engineers/FEMA efforts for flood mapping surveying around Bolton Lakes

#### **6. Adjournment**

Jason Seacat motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:51pm. Richard Clark seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary